

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please INSERT the following beginning at page 1, line 5:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is based on Japanese Priority Application No. 11-332984 filed on November 29, 1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please REPLACE the following paragraph beginning at page 9, line 13 with the following paragraph:

In FIG.3, a user A using a client A opens a setting window 41 shown in FIG.4A at the display unit 15 in FIG.2 in order to register seal-image personal information including secret information (a password or the like) and open information (a user name, a job title or the like). Then, in order to register necessary information, the user A inputs an employee number (step S1) and subsequently inputs a seal name (for example, "date seal 1", "private seal 1" or the like) (step S2). When the user A clicks "~~REGISTRATER~~" "REGISTER", the registration window 43 for a seal image shown in FIG.4B is displayed. At the registration window 43, the user A inputs a name (step S3) and a job title (step S4). Furthermore, the user A selects one seal shape (step S5) and then indicates a seal size, for example, in millimeters (mm) (step S6). For illustration, the user A registers "FUJI" for the name, "DEVELOPMENT SECTION MANAGER" for the job title, "ROUND (DATE REQUIRED)" for the seal shape, and "12" mm for the seal size. In this case, a seal image is generated based on the above input information and a seal image display area 45 shows the seal image (step S7). The user A registers the seal image by clicking "~~REGISTRATER~~" "REGISTER". The above input information and the seal image generated in the step S7 are registered in the storage unit 16 in FIG.2. When the user A wishes to cancel registering the input information or the seal image, the user A clicks "CANCEL".

Please DELETE the following paragraph beginning at page 17, line 15:

~~The present application is based on Japanese Priority Application No. 11-332984 filed on November 24, 1999, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.~~